

## **MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

**Wednesday, January 31, 2007**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Room 519, House Office Building**

**Chair Meisner** called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (18/19)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. Huizenga (1/19)

The **Chair** made the following announcements:

- 1) The official meeting schedule for the Standing Committee on Commerce has not been finalized, and will be announced at a later date;
- 2) Pursuant to the Uniform Committee Rules adopted for the 2007-2008 legislative session, a second is no longer required when making a motion; and
- 3) Those wishing to use a cell phone during committee meetings should step outside the committee room to do so.

The **Chair** asked the clerk to read a letter from **Speaker Andy Dillon** to **Richard J. Brown**, Clerk of the Michigan House of Representatives, appointing the following Members of the 94<sup>th</sup> Legislature to the House Standing Committee on Commerce: **Representatives Meisner (Chair), Robert Jones (Maj. VC), Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand (Min. VC), Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer.**

**Chair Meisner** announced that the committee would proceed to testimony on Michigan's property tax "pop-up" clause. The following people testified and answered questions:

**Representative Griffin;**

**Representative Robert Jones;**

**Dale Krajniak**, representing the City of Grosse Pointe Park;

**Summer Minnick**, representing the Michigan Municipal League;

**Brad Ward** and **Mike LeVan**, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors;

**Kenneth Rhodes**, representing the City of Sturgis;

**Don Wotruba**, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards;

**Pava Leyrer**, representing the Michigan Mortgage Brokers Association;

**Bill Anderson**, representing the Michigan Townships Association; and

**Bill McMaster**, representing the Michigan Foundation of Taxpayers United.

**Representative Robert Jones** moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representative Huizenga**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **10:26 a.m.**

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**Representative Andy Meisner, Chair**

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk  
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